

Sharing of Ganga Water between India and Bangladesh

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Will the Minister of WATER RE SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether any meeting of the Indo Bangladesh Joint River Commission regarding sharing of river waters was recently held at Dhaka

(b) if so the details thereof

(c) the action being taken by the Government in this regard

(d) the time by which the next meeting is likely to be held for further discussion

(e) whether representatives of the State Governments are proposed to be associated with the next meeting and

(f) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE SOURCES (SHRI V DYACHARAN SHUKLA) (a) The last meeting of Indo Bangladesh Joint River Commission was held at Dhaka in June, 1990

(b) and (c) The Joint River Commission meeting at Dhaka attached importance to

the need of an agreement on sharing of Ganga and Teesta river and directed for expediting the works regarding it. This has been followed up in the Indo Bangladesh secretaries Committee on river water sharing

(d) The next meeting for further discussion will be held on dates mutually convenient to India and Bangladesh

(e) and (f) The representatives of the State Governments are associated depending upon the issues likely to be discussed

Handing over of ITDC Hotels to Private Sector

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to hand over the hotels owned by the Government to private sector

(b) if so, the reasons therefor

(c) the names of the hotels proposed to be privatised by the Government

(d) whether the Government propose to consult the workers Unions of ITDC, before taking a final decision in this regard,

(e) whether the Government propose to reconsider its decision with a view to safeguard the interest of the employees and if so, the details thereof, and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). No, Sir. Government have formulated a scheme whereby small groups of ITDC hotels would be formed for the purpose of developing them as Joint Ventures with reputed hotel chains. In the first instance, two groups of four hotels each are proposed to be developed in this manner.

(d) to (f). Government is aware about the concern of Unions of ITDC to safeguard the interest of workers. Every possible effort will be made in this regard in any arrangement that is finalised.

Upper Indravati Irrigation Project

5260. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK. Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has requested the Union Government to review the existing technical arrangement of Upper Indravati Irrigation Project with a foreign company; and

(b) if so, the reactions of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Post offices with Speed Post Facility

5261. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices in the

country in which Speed Post facility is available;

(b) the number of days for which an employees is posted at the speed post counter;

(c) the amount paid as incentive money to the employees posted at speed post counters during the last two years; and

(d) the objectives of providing additional amount as incentive to the salaried staff?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU). (a) The Speed Post facility is available in 476 post offices in the country

(b) Normally an employee is posted for the period of 2 years at the Speed Post Counter.

(c) The amount of Rs. 51,00,869.40 has been paid to the employees posted at Speed Post Counters during the last two years.

(d) The objectives are to ensure booking of Speed Post articles above the threshold level at the Speed Post Counters where separate staff has been sanctioned and at other counters where separate staff has not been sanctioned the incentive is paid for work done by employees in additions to their normal duties.

[Translation]

Setting up of Relay Centre in Rajmahal Region in Bihar

5262. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a 10 KW Relay Centre in Rajmahal